



Claim 5, line 2, replace "piston" with --cylindrical body--.

Claim 7, line 3, replace "another" with --a second--;

lines 3-4, delete "of like construction to said first-mentioned bight but"; and

line 5, replace "first-mentioned" with --first--.

Claim 8, line 4, before "bight" insert --first--.

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9. (Amended) The self-securing otologic prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is an incus [and], said first bight is formed to attach to said incus, said second otologic structure is an oval window, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said window.

10. (Amended) The self-securing otologic prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is an incus [and], said first bight is formed to attach to said incus, said second otologic structure is a stapes, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said stapes.

Add the following claims:

11. The self-securing prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is an incus, said first bight is formed to attach to said incus, said second otologic structure is a stapes footplate, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said stapes footplate.

12. The self-securing prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is a malleus, said first bight is formed to attach to said malleus, said second otologic structure is an oval window, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said window.

13. The self-securing prosthesis according to claim 1 wherein said first otologic structure is a malleus, said first bight is formed to attach to said malleus, said second otologic structure is a stapes footplate, and said fastening means is formed to operatively engage said stapes footplate.